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In Re U.S. Patent Application of:

Applicants: CURIE *et al.*

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For: **Transparent Multilayer
Polypropylene Container
with Barrier Protection**

Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: Not yet assigned

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each reference cited on the attached form PTO-1499 is provided herewith.

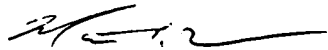
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, Applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary for consideration of the cited references pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97.

Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any reference or other art, including the disclosures of those references and other information discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

The citation of the above documents and other information is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



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